Yesteryears in Appomattox

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C'30 YEARS AGO

Letters to Santa filled almost one page of the Times-Virginian 50 years ago this week.

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl eight years old. I have two sisters and a brother. I would like for you to bring me a doll in a trunk and a doll carriage. I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your friend,
Clara Whitney Moses

Dear Santa,

I am a little girl seven years old and in the second grade. My teacher is Miss Elva Stratton and I like her a lot. She is good to me. Santa, please bring me a doll in a suitcase, a little washing machine, a tea set, nuts, candies, oranges, and other good things to eat. Hope you will be real good to me.

Your little friend,
Sarah Mitchell

In Appomattox High School News....

Calvin H. Robinson gave a very helpful talk at the high school chapel last Wednesday. His topic was "Rugged Individualism."

One advertisement read.....

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Another ad read....Semi-formal and formal gowns, from $6.95...at the Darling Shop Main Street, Lynchburg.

25 YEARS AGO

Page one....

Local Girls Win Honors. Anne Martin, Appomattox High School, chosen Good Citizen of the School. The contest was sponsored by the Appomattox Chapter of DAR.

Barbara Lee honored for being most successful in 4-H Garden and Food Preservation. She has won many prizes at the Five County Fair, the State Fair in Richmond and the Lynchburg Farm Show.

Charles T. Moses Jr. was Appomattox Mayor in 1959.

Tobacco sales off to a good start; average price $37.79 opening week.

In Classified Advertising....

For Sale: One eight-room house, modern kitchen and 10 acres of land, $4,500.

Wilke's Plant Farm offering Cedar Christmas Trees from 50 cents and up.

TEN YEARS AGO

Page One....

Marshall's Department Store gets new front. Renovation on store front completed this week.

Page One Headline.....

Suspects in Wilkes Jewelry Store Robbery Jailed.

Appomattox Native Honored....

At a recent meeting of American College of Dentists in Washington, D.C., Dr. Edward D. Wooldridge Jr., Appomattox native was awarded Fellowship in the College.

Dr. Wooldridge is presently on staff of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Hospital where he serves as Chief of Dental Services.

FIVE YEARS AGO

On page one....

The Appomattox County Volunteer Rescue Squad was host to District V of Virigina Association of Rescue Squads. Mando's Restaurant catered the meal at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. Approximately 200 members and guests were present, representing most of the 26 squads making up district five, the largest district in the state of Virginia.

The Singing Christians of Evergreen Baptist Church presented a program of music. The Hon. W.M. Abbitt was guest speaker.

Page one headline.... Vepco Pays $11,450 in taxes to Appomattox.

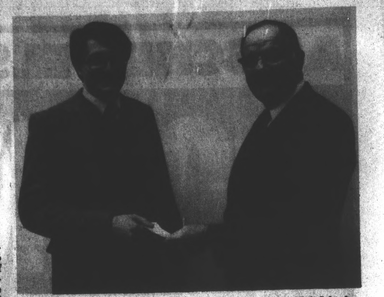
ONE YEAR AGO

Page one headline...Quality of Life Said To Be Greatest Asset Here.

The fire-cured tobacco market opened in Farmville. Clarence Jones, Junior Franklin and Johnny T. Hunter were pictured looking over some of the year's crops. Tobacco averaged $129.98 this week.

In Sports....

Work began on nine additional holes for the Falling River Country Club Golf Course.



JOHN McLEAN, assistant principal at Appomattox County High School, presents choral director David Cox with a $300 donation from the Appomattox Lions Club. The Chorale is planning a spring concert tour, and the money will be used to finance that trip.

Obituaries

Franklin Younger Hamlett

Franklin Younger Hamlett, 78, of 18 Sussex St., Lynchburg, died at 10:15 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 1984, in Lynchburg General Hospital after a long illness. He was the husband of Gladys Mayes Hamlett.

Born in Charlotte County, he was a son of the late John F. Hamlett and Hallie Hunter Hamlett. He was a retired farmer and a member of Tenth Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, John W. Hamlett of Lynchburg, Douglas D. Hamlett of Drakes Branch and Larry G. Hamlett of Poquoson; two daughters, Mrs. Carol R. (Carolyn) Martin of Glen Allen and Mrs. Harman A. (Frances) Webb of Appomattox; two brothers, Courtney E. Hamlett of Victoria and Thomas E. Hamlett of Brookneal; five sisters, Ala St. John, Maudell Phlegar and Corine Carey, all of Lynchburg, Lucy Johnson of Charlotte Court House and Mary Yeatts of Brookneal; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Midway Baptist Church, Route 1, Phenix, by the Rev. Charles Esterline and Earl Clarkson. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Whitten Park Avenue Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Walter C. Hamlett Sr.

Walter C. Hamlett Sr., 72, of Phenix, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1984, [illegible] in Lynchburg General Hospital.

He was an active deacon of Springfield Primitive Baptist Church in Gretna.

He is survived by his stepmother, Mrs. Mozelle Hamlett, Phenix; his fiancee, Mae Edwards, Farmville; five daughters, Mrs. Carrie Guthrie and Mrs. Garland (Joyce) Harris, both of Evington, Mrs. Reed (Jannie) Sapp, Chesterfield, Mrs. David (Jean) Phelps and Mrs. William (Dorothy) Foster, both of Phenix; three sons, Walter C. Hamlett Jr., Phenix, Herbert Hamlett, Evergreen, and John Hamlett, Keysville; two brothers, Otis L. Hamlett, Pasadena, Md., and Clifford Hamlett, Salem; three half brothers, Carter Hamlett and Watkins Hamlett, both of Richmond, and Richard Hamlett, Evergreen; four half sisters, Mrs. Bernice Sprinkle, Charlotte Court House, Mrs. Elsie Harris, Madison Heights, Mrs. Shirley McCluster, Phenix, and Mrs. Glen Cassell, Richmond; and 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday in Bethel Baptist Church, with interment in the Hamlett family cemetery.

Browning Funeral Home, Keysville, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Carrie Mae Jones

Mrs. Carrie Mae Jones passed away Monday, Dec. 3, 1984, in Los Angeles, Calif.

She was born in Montgomery, N.C., Nov. 1, 1920, the daughter of the late Hattie and Robert Green.

She is survived by three sons, Charles E. Jones of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Bobby L. Jones of Harrisburg, Pa., and Gordon N. Jones of Mullens, W.Va.; two daughters, Connie J. Johnson of Appomattox and Betty A. McCoy of Harrisburg; nine grandchildren; three brothers; two sisters; a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mount Airy Baptist Church in Appomattox. Interment was in the family cemetery.

West Funeral Home, Appomattox, was in charge of arrangements.

Albert L. Kallstrom

Albert Leve Kallstrom, 84, of Route 2, Concord, died Monday afternoon Dec.3, at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

He was born in Grass Lake, Minn., a son of the late Claus and Annie Kallstrom. He was a retired [illegible] with Continental Baking Co. in Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Doris Ackron Kallstrom; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Allward, Brooksville, Fla., and Mrs. Jean Mills, Concord; one son, John Beaushaw, Lachine, Mich.; one sister, Mrs. Jeanette Willenbring, Minnesota; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Gary Threatt. Burial followed in Hebron Baptist Church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Herbert W. Morris

Herbert W. Morris, 71, of Madisonville, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 1984, in a Lynchburg hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Dodd Morris; one son, Ronald L. Morris, Virginia Beach; four sisters, Mrs. Ellie M. Hixson, Lynchburg, Mrs. Princess M. Jones, Manassas, Mrs. William Brightwell,

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APS coffee planned

The Appomattox Primary School PTA will hold a morning coffee Dec. 13 at 9:05 in the cafeteria at APS.

Mrs. Jeanette Albert, master social worker with Family Service of Central Virginia will be speaking on "Encouragement in the young child".

After a short speech she will have a question-and-answer period.

Free babysitting services will be available.

Letters

Writer lauds efforts

Editor:

It is great that the Appomattox Assembly is pushing for improvements of traffic conditions in Appomattox. The president, and its members as well as those who signed the petition should all be commended.

Town Council should accept the fact that their city must grow to exist. If they do not allow growth then Appomattox will surely die. With growth comes changes and these changes must be accepted.

Town Council does not want traffic lights because the lights will represent growth, not because they don't have the funds. Funds are there if they need them. Why should Appomattox stay small? Let it grow and develop for the betterment of the citizens.

The Assembly, in writing the petition, made some errors. They listed hours that the traffic lights (operated by timers) would come on and go off. Little was considered when the hours were selected.

Morning hours listed as 5:30 a.m. until 7 a.m. First of all, the cut-on time is too early; 6 a.m. would be sufficient. Second, if the lights cut off at 7 a.m., they would not help with congestion caused by school buses, students going to school and area residents going to work. The cut-off time should be 9 a.m. This would make morning hours 6 a.m. until 9 a.m.

As with morning hours, little consideration was made in establishing evening hours. The Assembly listed the hours between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. These also miss congestion caused by area school and garment factories. The evening hours should be 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

These hours I have suggested seem to be best for everyone. I'm sure most people agree.

The hours established by the Appomattox Assembly only total three daily. My suggested hours total six. It would be more feasible to operate six hours as opposed to three. The cost is not in operating the lights (electricity). The cost is the price of the light and its installation cost.

Shell out the money Appomattox and accept the fact that your small city must grow.

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Mark Staton

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About sharing the good news

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS
Lesson for December 16, 1984
Bible Study Passages: Luke 4:16-19; Acts 10:34-43
INTRODUCTION

How would it feel if we could make up each day and begin life anew? Imagine what it would be like to begin each new day without the pain of yesterday's blunders and failures. Think how nice it would be to bury old memories and start out fresh with a clean slate. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could forget our sins of the past and face each new tomorrow without the baggage of guilt and consequences for our misbehaviors in life?

You may be thinking that all of this is simply wishful thinking. But wait! There is good news for you and me. When God revealed Himself in the Person of Christ He made possible for you and me the opportunity to "clean up our act" and start afresh. What is good news? Good News is that which inspires hope and gives life meaning. If we could not have received better news than that which God has sent to us in Jesus.

The good news is that Jesus came to share with you and me how our sins can be erased by his sacrificial death, and that life can begin again with a sense of joy and celebration.

The mission of Jesus was to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to captives, give sight to the blind, free the opressed, and proclaim the Lord's time.

Many people journey through life believing that forgiveness and fresh starts are impossible. Some people cannot believe that their sins really are forgiven by God. Forgiveness is a gift that we must receive. Once we truly receive we will be able to walk in freedom with our hearts held high! The joy of forgiveness is often dampened because we worry too much over what others think. We know that many people will not allow us to forget our past. But thanks be to God who wipes clean our slate and accepts us as we are.

PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS [Lk. 4:16-19]

Jesus could often be found in the synagogue on the sabbath day reading from the Law or the Prophets. In the fourth chapter of Luke we read how Jesus stood in the synagogue to read from Isaiah and then commented upon the reading. The reading he chose spoke of the one who would preach, proclaim, heal and free the oppressed. When he finished reading he said to the people, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The response of the people was astonishment.

Jesus realized what his mission was and set out to do it. Our mission is to follow him in the same service to our brothers and sisters who make up this world. We are called to proclaim the good news, to be healers, to preach and teach, and to work towards freeing those who are oppressed. When we do these things we are fulfilling the mandates of the Christian Gospel.

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS [Acts 10:34-43]

There is something to be said for living the good news of God in our communities. The power of the Gospel is felt when it is fleshed out in the lives of the people who profess it. In the tenth chapter of Acts we witness the ministry of Peter. He went about his ministry of healing and raising the dead. We, too, are called to be healers of those who are hurting and broken. We cannot raise the dead or reverse life's tragedies, but we can bring hope and comfort to those who are sick at heart. Our prayers can help those who are sick. Our touch can bring affirmation and comfort. Our presence can mirror the presence of Christ.

Peter pointed out to those who witnessed his ministry that life can begin again. Faith in Christ is powerful and can help us endure the storms of life. Faith also wipes away the memory of sin, for God is faithful to forgive and remember our sins no more. We can take comfort in the fact that Christ died that our "slates" might be made clean and acceptable in the sight of God. When we receive Christ into our hearts we are taking a step in a new direction.

For the Christian, hope is always alive and well. No matter what may come in this life, we can trust the authority of God's Word. We know that in the world to come we will begin a new "fresh" life that will know only joy and celebration.

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Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Kentuck Baptist Church in Ringgold, Virginia (WLYP).

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WORSHIP

CHARLENE LAWSON AND ELIZABETH HARRIS are shown with students Hannah Jones, Josh Harrison and Stephanie Harris at Appomattox Primary School, displaying part of the money that has been collected in the school's "Pennies for Ethiopia" projects.

Primary School students are helping the hungry

Appomattox Primary School started a program called "Pennies for Ethiopia" on Nov. 26. This program will continue through Dec. 20.

Children at APS are encouraged to bring their small change to their classes so that they can pool their money and give it to a relief agency working in Ethiopia. Between Nov. 26 and Dec. 6 the students contributed a total of $303.22 to aid the starving people of Ethiopia.

In addition to participating in a spirit of giving, the children at APS are learning about their world and about people of a different culture.

At Memorial UMC

Christmas musical set

To usher in the Christmas season, the Memorial United Methodist Church will present their Christmas Musicale on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the church located at Court and Virginia Avenue.

Holiday music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir and include a variety of arrangements with solos, duets, quartets, and instrumental selections.

Instrumentalists Frank Coffey, Tom Saxton, and Traci Trent will complement the candlelight service with their own renditions of the Christmas season.

This Christmas Musicale is guaranteed to fill the air with the spirit of Christmas. You are cordially invited to join in and fill your heart with the same spirit.

'Emanuel' planned for Dec. 16 production here

The Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church choir, under the direction of Ms. Sue Wright will present "Emanuel" by Eugene Butler on Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Organist, Virginia Carnefix, will accompany the choir.

Featured soloists are as follows: James Ferry - baritone, Tommy Terry - baritone; Robin Williams - tenor; Vivian Gosney - soprano; Sandra Martin - contralto; Carolyn Carnefix - soprano; Janice Ferry - alto. Narrators are Ellen O'Brien and Ethel Evans.

The tune, Venit, Emanuel, is a French processional from the 15th Century. The text for the tune is based on a Latin source from the 19th Century.

Following the cantata a covered-dish dinner will be held in the church social hall.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Symbols: silent teachers at Our Lady of Peace

Symbols are Silent Teachers at Catholic Churches. Purple is the background color of the new banner hanging in the worship space of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Appomattox. The purple vestments of the priest also remind the congregation that this is the season of repentence, a season of reflection upon our personal stance, a season of preparation for celebrating the birth of the Savior. This is the Advent Season. Purple is a penitential color in the tradition of the church.

Symbols tell succinctly what would otherwise take many words to express. The local church is displaying the traditional Advent wreath an evergreen wreath with four candles. The green of the wreath represents the life that is found in Christ; the candles, used for centuries as the symbol of light, are a prominent symbol. Jesus is the light that broke forth on the world on that first Christmas.

An Advent rose is the symbol of the messianic hope that fills the season. The rose is one of three symbols on the large purple banner, sharing attention with a large symbolic candle and a large Tau cross.

The Tau cross is one of the oldest symbols of Advent; it gets its name from its shape, a Greek capital Tau or "T". It is the cross of prophecy and its use on purple background fortells the sacrificial death of the one who is to come.

Sunday worship at the local church is at 11:30 a.m. On Christmas day the celebration will be at 10 a.m.

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Galilee news notes

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Worship with us at Galilee this coming Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a.m. Pastor Davis and the Youth Singers are in charge.

The Sunday School department wishes to remind all members and friends to attend their annual Christmas program this Saturday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Diane Scruggs serves as chairperson of the program. Special pagentry has been prepared.

Mrs. Mae Frances Coleman Statham and brother, Rosser Coleman were visiting their home in Appomattox recently.

Brother Peter Flood of Baltimore, Md. visited relatives and friends here. Brother Flood reported that all family members and friends in Baltimore are doing nicely.

We extend our sympathy to the Poindexter, Jones and Spencer families who lost loved ones recently.

Mrs. Nelson Jordan lost her brother, Mr. Genie Spencer of Buckingham. Mr. Poindexter was the brother of Mrs. Grace Forrest an active member of Promise Land Baptist Church.

Mrs. Carrie Mae Jones of Mt. Airy was a faithful friend of the community and worked in Appomattox for many years.

We are happy to announce that Mr. Charlie E. Palmer, custodian of Galilee, has been named a member of the Virginia State Sheriff's Institute. Brother Palmer began his career in law enforcement during the 1940's in Appomattox. He served as custodian of the Virginia State Police.

The Rev. Tim Lawing and the Youth Singers from Galilee have been invited to share with the Promise Land Church in their Youth Celebration this coming Sunday at 3 p.m. Let us all work together to encourage our youth in our churches.

Mrs. Celestine Bigger is receiving special treatment in Chicago, Ill. under the care of her neice who is a resident physician in Chicago.

Please pray for everyone and remember the spirit of love and sharing for the approaching Christmas season.

Have a spirit filled week and may God continue to Bless one and all.

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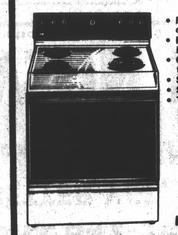

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